

THE GLEICHEN CALL

News Items of Local Interest

John Rodiminsky has returned to town and is waiting to be discharged from the navy.

George Vandell who is in the R.C. Nafter being released from the R.C. A.P. left Saturday night for the east, before going to Scotland.

Mr. and Mrs. H. James and family have spent the past week visiting relatives at Calgary at Turner Valley. Morning. Kippie James is keeping house and looking after the children.

Mrs. C. M. Brown left Thursday night for Weyburn, Sask., to meet her husband "Howie" who returned from overseas on the Queen Elizabeth.

Mrs. O. Woods took brother Edwin and Wally Anderson and sister Miss E. Anderson of Donalda, Alberta have been visiting her for the past week.

Dr. G. H. Fauphuron has been confined to his home for the past week with a bad cold and is slowly recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Brown of Calgary arrived in town Monday to welcome home their son Sam.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Holland returned from their honeymoon spent in Kelowna, Vancouver and Victoria. They returned sooner than they intended to in order to look after their stock. They heard of the snow and the bad weather that prevailed on the prairie.

Mr. Shepherd of B. C. spent the weekend in town visiting his daughter-in-law, Mrs. E. N. Shepherd.

The United Church bazaar and sale of home cooking, held in the Community hall last Saturday was a great success.

Sunday afternoon the curling rink was the scene of a thrilling curling game when four of Gleichen's R.C. A.P. boys defeated an all star team skipped by Bert Davenport. In the evening the wind was taken out of the flares sails by Bob Brown whose hand

picked rink defeated them. The air men were under the leadership of Dunk "Mansan" Menard.

Set. Jiny Cunningham has been posted to Labrador according to word received by his mother.

Mrs. Fred Bennett was taken seriously ill one evening last week and hurried to the Basano hospital.

Set. Campbell Brown returned last night from overseas where he has been for sometime.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. T. Yule a daughter on November 15th.

For several days past beautiful weather has prevailed.

The work of repairing the skating rink was completed last weekend. Owing to the heavy snow in the town water pumping system a delay in flooding the rink has occurred.

Robert Irving, age 50, a resident at Eventide Home for a little over two years died last Wednesday. He was born in Liverpool, England, and had resided in Alberta for almost 20 years. Major A. F. Parkinson of the Salvation Army conducted the funeral services after which interment was made in Eventide cemetery.

The 20th Annual Old Timers' Dance Friday Night

'Next Friday night, for the 20th time, the Old Timers' Dance will take place as usual in the Gleichen Community Hall. Art Brenner for the 20th time will have his orchestra on deck to play all the old time tunes and other tunes that the crowd can think of. Art has become a part of this annual affair and it is his leadership ability with the orchestra that has made it so much a success. The dance is the big success it has always been.

Indefinition point to an exceptionally large crowd will be on hand and the weather is favorable there will be no doubt about this point.

As has been the case for several years past there will be no hogcousing owing to food restrictions. It is hoped by this time next year conditions will be better and that once again the boys and girls and their friends will be able to gather around the banquet table for a couple of hours of old time reunion.

The dance is billed to start at 9:30 p.m. So all the old timers who are really anxious to "shake a leg" be there early and help get the ball rolling. There will be plenty of young timers on hand to keep things moving once the merriment starts.

PRESENT MALTING BARLEY SITUATION TEMPORARY

The present price system whereby producers of feed barley receive the same equalization fund payment as producers of malting barley, is temporary and concerns this year's crop. In a letter from the Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Dominion Minister of Agriculture, which was read at a special meeting of the Marketing Committee of the National Barley and Linseed Flax Committee held in Winnipeg on November 16th under chairmanship of T. J. Harrison, it was stated, "This is only a temporary thing having to do with this year's crop. It will be made very plain before the seedling of the next crop that farmers cannot rely upon this price for any barley other than malting barley." The committee reviewed the present barley situation and was pleased to have the assurance of the Hon. J. G. Gardiner that the price situation is temporary and that farmers will be informed to this effect. Although the current shortage of feed has prevented the export of malting barley, farmers would be well advised to at least maintain and even expand the production of malting varieties for which making premiums will again be paid.

Nearly 60,000 persons in this country are suffering from tuberculosis, yet this is a disease which, given adequate treatment, facilities could be conquered within a generation. Boy Christmas Seals make your contribution.

There Will Be Plenty Of Xmas Goods This Year

Toys of all descriptions are reaching prices board offices through the country for pricing before they find their way to bulging Christmas stockings or to mysterious packages under the tree. There are kiddy cars and tiny metal wagons, metal scooters and sleighs, tricycles, doll carriages, skates, musical box radio and toy places equipped with playable music, drama, ukuleles and xylophones stuffed animals in their hundreds and dolls of all varieties.

Toy making has become a native art, for from a nation almost wholly dependent on toy imports, Canada in two years has become nearly self-sufficient in providing toys for her three million children.

There will be decorations this Christmas also. Canadian-made supplies from Europe and the Far East have been cut off. New this year are real pine cones, gathered in Canadian forest trunks, frosted and coated with phosphorus to make them sparkle. Polarized last year lucite trinkets made from a plastic, will be plentiful. Wrapping paper, balls and ropes should be adequate while there are large supplies of tags and seals, wreaths, crackers and candles of red and green variety.

For the housewife, doing Christmas planning ahead, sufficient supplies of turkeys and chickens are expected though meat rationing is expected to heighten this year's demand. Currents and peel, maraschino cherries and Brazil nuts will be short but supplies of raisins and mince pies, cranberries, grapes, bananas, peaches, peaches, fibria, walnuts, almonds, peaches and prunes are expected to be about the same as last year, perhaps a little more plentiful. Candy will be short, with manufacturers restricted to 50 percent of their 1941 quantity of sugar compared to 80 percent last year.

On the Christmas gift front, children's jewelry will be abundant but woolens, cottons and linens are expected to be rather scarce because

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of difficulty in procuring yarns and fabrics from the United States and the United Kingdom. Since rayon has been finding its way into the civilian market, rayon articles have been available in greater quantity. With peace on earth again, Christmas fare in Canada promises to be adequate enough to fill any needs.



PAGE THE SENATE

If you are one of those haughty Canadians who have a notion that Canada's Senate is a luxurious debating club with a gold leaf plated ceiling, you should have seen Pollix's antics last week! A paragraph in The Cracker Barrel which carried an ever so gently implied criticism of the Red Chamber provoked little but a spanking for this commentator. Letters from various parts of the country and telephone calls from Ottawa readers prove without the shadow of a Gilbertian doubt that the role played by the Canadian Senate in our government set-up is widely understood and appreciated.

One protestant pointed out that of course we the Senate do not vigorously requesting larger income tax exemptions for low-salaried taxpayers, and it has the humble income tax structure under scrutiny. This correspondent also recalls that it was senatorial action some years ago that saved the Crown's New Freight Rates, worth thousands of dollars to western farmers.

Another letter correspondent with a literary turn of mind first noted that the Senate has the opportunity to look the proceedings in the House of Commons and study legislation. This was added: "It has co-operated honestly, carefully and without bias in reviewing legislation passed to it from the Commons."

Then there was the well-read gentleman who cited Frank Birch's book "This Freedom of Ours" which described the Upper Chamber as "democracy's second thoughts." A passage from the book is thereby ascribed to the head of Hasty Politics and that passage reads: "The House of Commons is overworked. A second chamber can correct the doubtful phrasing of hastily passed bills, it can debate matters which the Commons has no time to debate properly, and it can discuss subjects which the Commons does not deal with at all. After exhausting his breath as a result of this onslaught on his rather mild amindivertness, Politico is not surprised that the rank and file Canadian defends the Senate, for the Senate has been defending the rights of the rank and file Canadian."

7TH EDITORIAL AGREE

It is a little odd-fused because of his chaisement, Politico examined his capacious file of clippings, and the evidence in them confirmed the persistent claims of senatorial effectiveness. The editors of several outstanding Canadian newspapers agreed with Cracker Barrel readers who had defended the Red Chamber. Describing the Senate's characteristics and functions, the Montreal Star once declared that its "supreme duty is to act as stabilizer on the storm-tossed ship of State, especially during a hurricane period." The Star said further that governments have been as a rule wise and careful in their appointments to the Senate and that the Red Chamber has contained some of the brightest minds and most statesmanlike leaders of public life.

Right-wingish Vancouver Province claimed that for deliberations "re-quiring a certain amount of leisure and study removed from the dust and noise of politics," the Senate was peculiarly fitted.

Left-wingish Canadian Forum once called the Senate "an indispensable adjunct to democratic government, the lack of which precipitated the fall of democracy in Germany." That members of the Upper Chamber can exercise judgement and supply information with a noble disregard of the common which is the place and the worth of a senatorial pronouncement.

According to the Calgary Herald, the Senate contains among its membership some of the best brains in the country and some of the finest parliamentarians. It has shown on several occasions how a deliberate and capable body of review can provide valuable service to the Dominion. It backs much of the political partisan-



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Prarie Provinces Had More Safe-Breaking Cases During 1944.

The return of prosperity to the prairie provinces in recent years apparently proved tempting to the safe-blowing fraternity, for in the years 1944-45 years "blew" or tampered with safes in 68 places of business in the three provinces.

Of the 68 cases recorded in the prairie provinces in Alberta, 11 in Saskatchewan and 11 in Manitoba.

Commissioner S. T. Wood, R.C.M.P. head, said that special measures to combat safebreaking are continually being taken for relief to Europe. Each being placed in operation. "We had reduced the number of safe-blowing cases to less than 30 a year, but owing to the more prosperous conditions in the west have been too hard to resist for some people. We're hoping it will not be long before the number of cases is down again."



Outstandingly Good

Not An Easy Job

Trying To Break Any Speed Record Is Risky Business

Either on the water, on land or in the air, those who attempt to break speed records certainly risk their necks. A most intriguing story comes from England about what an airman goes through, at 400 miles an hour, or better, miles a minute.

This writer brings to attention what is known as the "g" factor or element, and notes that the extent of the speed depends on the rate of speed. A 12 ft. pilot, at a certain speed, experiences "g's," which means that his weight is doubled. At still higher speeds he may experience "g's," which would cause a 12 ft. pilot actually to weigh over half a ton. The principle is a simple one—weight multiplied by velocity. Its primitive example is a bucket of water swung round on a rope at a speed that prevents the water splilling.

The water in the bucket multiplies its weight. Remember, too, that the plane is subject to just the same "g" factor. At certain high velocity the "g" factor makes the pilot's blood about the same weight as iron. Reflect what that must mean even momentarily to his heart. In certain rare reverse "g" cases there is negative action. A pilot's eyes have actually been forced out of the sockets. Record-breaking is not all beer and skittles—St. Katharines Standard.

SMILE AWHILE

The hardest time to get baby to sleep is when she is 18.

"Why do you have such a high bed for your little boy?"

"So that we can hear him if he falls out of it."

"A cleverer than a woman he understands her; a stupid one tries to prove it."

"Doctor, I don't drink or smoke and am surrounded with women—will I live 100 years?"

"No," replied the doctor, "but I'll soon like it."

Jack: "Let's give the bride a shower."

John: "Count me in—I'll bring soap."

First Student: "Principal says he is going to stop smoking in the college."

Second Student: "Huh! Next thing he'll be asking us to stop it, too."

Mother: "Martine, were you a good little girl at church today?"

Martine: "Yes, mother. And a cheese variegated with veined green. He's tasted the cheese and, finding it delicious, placed the lunch he was carrying that day in the cave for further investigation."

His discovery was noted by the Conques monks of that region and they are given the credit for developing Roquefort cheese through the use of mould from this cave.

INFURIOR STRATEGY

The New York Herald Tribune says Germany was full of militarily effective, even revolutionary, ideas, but each of them was just a null potentiality, and it seems clear that the over-enthusiasm of the German leadership, markedly inferior to that of the western Allies or of Russia.

The city of Kuwatt, Iran, with a population of 80,000, has to depend solely on water shipped 250 miles in barges from Bazzr, Iraq.

The population of Egypt is about 16,000,000.

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BYRNE HOPE SANDERS,

Director of Consumer Branch of the Women's Part in the Fight Against Inflation.

What is the Canadian Shield? Here it is, in ancient times, the geological history of the Shield, the heart of the Royal Ontario Museum, says to this question. It is an area of ancient rocks that underlie about one-half of Canada. It is called a shield because it has in a broad way the shape of a low dome with later rocks around its rim. It is thus something like the old-fashioned shield carried by warriors.

The rocks run in age from two billion years to 600 million years and it required about three-quarters of all geological time for them to form. The Shield was, in ancient times, a hot and numerous and large volcano, it is a great and ancient shield.

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Always Bears Load

Whenever Trouble Starts Britain Stays

The trouble in Java is the old story of Great Britain and British troops having to carry the burden. When the Dutch failed to keep order among the Indonesian Nationalists, the British had to come along and see about it. At the time the murdered British troops were killed, the British had to come along and see about it.

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The old lady went on, "In a way it was that picture that gave this collection to the city."

"A million dollar collection," said the boy.

"And it was because of that girl Harvey Collinsworth bought the picture. So in a way she gave birth to this collection." The old lady seemed to search her mind for a date. "1885," she said softly. "That was the year the artist came back from Paris. He had been left some money and went to Paris and stayed there until his money was gone. He and Harvey Collinsworth had been at school together but Harvey had left school at fourteen to work in his father's machine shop. By the time the artist returned from Paris, Harvey had taken over the business and moved into a brick building. He was full of ambition. He was also engaged to the girl."

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"A million dollar collection," said the boy.

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In view of this great increase in tobacco consumption a few established facts may be interesting.

Tobacco does not affect all alike. Some people are able to consume a lot without apparent effect while others are very susceptible and develop symptoms of dizziness, headache and nausea on comparatively little.

The average user of tobacco finds that he is quite uncomfortable if he must be without tobacco for some time.

The alkaloid of the tobacco plant is nicotine. It is a pale yellow oil and a few drops may prove fatal. Sprays of this used as an insecticide have caused deaths. The symptoms of acute poisoning are mental confusion, pain, muscular weakness, nausea, dizziness, twitching, convulsions and death. Of course, some of these symptoms may be present, and rapid recovery follows.

A person who uses less than 10 cigarettes a day or an equivalent amount of tobacco in another form may be regarded as a non-smoker. Many smokers have a hunky voice and a cough due to a catarrhal condition of the delicate lining of the throat. Food does not taste as good as it otherwise would if the chronic mild congestion of the mucous membrane is kept up by smoking. In tobacco smoke there is 4-10 of 1 percent of nicotine. Many say smoking does no harm if the smoke is not inhaled but it is found that in puffing 66 percent of the nicotine is absorbed and in inhalant 88 percent.

Small amounts of nicotine cause increased acidity in the stomach and also increased movement of the stomach. This might be a causative factor to ulcer formation and clearly will retard the healing where ulcers are present.

Experiments have shown that the using of tobacco tends to constrict the blood vessel. If the circulation to a limb is very limited the use of even one cigarette will so reduce the blood supply that the temperature will fall. Nicotine may not cause thickening of the wall of the artery supplying the heart muscle itself but if there is sclerosis of this coronary smoking itself will still further reduce the amount of blood it can transmit. All writers agree that the use of tobacco is dangerous for any one with this heart condition.

People who use snuff or twist or smoke a pipe a lot may develop toxic amblyopia. The first symptom will be that a glimmering mist covers all objects they look at especially in a bright light. Later the fixation point or the centre of vision may not be clear, a pink color may appear to be blue or a candle flame may not be recognized. Recovery usually occurs if tobacco is not used again. Most people seem to get comfort or repose or good fellowship from the use of tobacco but all writers agree on the above harmful effects.

F. W. GERHART



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